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## REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED ISSUANCE

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Sir:

The Applicants, through undersigned counsel, respectfully request expedited issuance of a patent from the above-captioned application. The expedited issuance of a patent is important to the securing of capital funds for the Assignee. Also, the application has been pending for more than five years.

Attached is the Issue Fee Transmittal along with the required fee which completes all of the requirements on behalf of the Applicants.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance to you in expediting the issuance of the above-captioned application.

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